

Arlington Recycling Committee
Minutes of 1/5/12

Present: Co-Chairs Juli Brazile, Gordon Jamieson, DPW Assistant Director
Teresa DeBenedictis, Sustainable Arlington Representative Charlotte Milan, Sue
Stamps, Eric Helmuth, Carl Wagner, Secretary Pete Howard

Report to BoS on 12/4: Gordon & Juli gave an upbeat review of our November Community Collection Day w/ thanks to Ruth Yannetti of DPW. They described all the ways that CCD brings the town together: Little Fox, Board of Health, High School, Stratton School, Pierce School and Arlington High School. They advertised the e-waste collection service at the Grove St office of the DPW.

Townwide Swap: Carl described a Yahoo Group he has started called Curb Shop Arlington. Members can describe an item they want to discard, where they live, and when the item will be on the curb. A notice is sent to all members who can then go get it- first come first served. To join, send an email to curbshoparlington-subscribe@yahoogroups.com The ARC supports this innovation and members suggested ways to advertise it. Gordon will use the Arlington List. Probably good to post a reminder regularly. The Arlington List offers a similar service by tagging messages FOC (free on curb), but since the volume on the Arlington list is very high and includes a wide range of topics, Carl believes that people might subscribe to CurbShop as an easy way to see only that content. Other avenues include an op ed Advocate article, an interview on community TV, and a pitch to the BoS. It would be nice to know what was taken. A sizable list would gain the DPW some credit w/ the state for setting up programs that divert items away from trash.

Recycle Buck Slip: Juli provided a draft for comment (Ref 1). It will be included in the excise tax mailing. Explain "approved items" by reference. Clarify "CRT". Most members liked the tone & direct expression. ARC willing to expend \$600 from Recycling Revolving Fund to print buckslip. Teresa to inquire.

AHS Composting: Is there a program in the works? Charlotte to inquire.

Use of Styrofoam trays and cups at AHS? Charlotte to inquire.

Uncle Sam Posters: Gordon asked Teresa to price a bulk printing of 200 or 400. It would be good to have one in every class room. Juli will talk to Dr. Bodie about getting permission. Carl suggested talking to the Uncle Sam Committee about working with them on edits or joint projects of some kind. Juli will follow up with Carl on that since he's on the committee.

DPW: Teresa reported that the new waste hauling contract will probably be awarded by Feb 1. She expects to get candidates to interview for the recycling coordinator job this month.